

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for warming an endoscope, laparoscope, or other such instrument to minimize fogging, comprising:

a flexible pad having a length, a width and a periphery for wrapping around the instrument, the pad including a mixture of water and sodium acetate to generate heat through an exothermic reaction; an activation disc located around the periphery of the pad; and one or more elongate partitions running lengthwise along the pad to establish fold lines, each partition including a gap to facilitate fluid transfer of the mixture.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the activation disc is made of perforated stainless steel.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further including a housing to contain the pad in sleeve form into which the instrument is inserted.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further including a heat-conductive tube to receive the instrument around which the pad is wrapped.

5. (Canceled)